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FOR THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FROM GROVE

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF EMBASSY BELGRADE

- 1. WE HAVE HAD A SUCCESSFUL INSPECTION OF BELGRADE AND ZAGREB AND HAVE FORWARDED TO GEORGE HIGH ON MARCH 10 AN ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES OF OUR FINDINGS.
- 2. I APPRECIATE THE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE PROVIDED FOR THE DRAFTING OF EXIT MEMORANDA, AND HAVE, AT BELGRADE TRIED TO WRITE A MEMORANDUM THAT WILL BE MORE HELPFUL TO YOU AND THE CHARGE. LET ME ADD THAT OUR TEAM HAS BEEN AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE HAD COMPLETE AND FREQUENT ACCESS TO HEADS OF MISSION THROUGHOUT THE INSPECTION PROCESS AND THEREFORE THE INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN DETAIL.
- 3. WHILE I WAS IN WASHINGTON IT SEEMED TO ME THERE WERE IN A NUMBER OF QUARTERS SOME QUESTIONS AS TO HOW EMBASSY BELGRADE WAS BEING RUN AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE AMBASSADOR. IT IS BEING WELL RUN INDEED, AND I THINK SERIOUS THOUGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO KEEPING CHARLIE YORK IN THE DCM POSITION UNTIL SUMMER OF 1978, REALIZING THIS IS THE NEXT AMBASSADOR'S JUDGMENT TO MAKE, AND ESPECIALLY HERE, CHARLIE'S ALSO.

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- 4. I COMMEND TO YOU THE POST MEMORANDUM PREPARED AT BELGRADE AS AN EXCELLENT VIEW OF THE CURRENT SCENE. WHEN THE NEXT AMBASSADOR IS DESIGNATED, YOU MAY WISH TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO HIM THIS MEMORANDUM AND OUR FINDINGS AT BELGRADE AND ZAGREB BY WAY OF AN ADDITION TO HIS ORIENTATION.
- 5. THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR THE INSPECTION AT BELGRADE, 14 WORKING

DAYS, IS ADEQUATE FOR A FOUR-MAN TEAM. HONESTY COMPELS ME TO ADD THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF A POSSIBLE PROBLEM AT THE SCHOOL AT ZAGREB ADDED MIGHTILY TO JIM THORSON'S AND MY EFFORTS.

6. IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AVAILABLE IN EUR/EE TO NICK ANDREWS SO THAT HE CAN BE IN TUNE WITH EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO RESPOND TO ANY OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS, I RECOMMEND THAT THIS BE DONE.

7. BEST REGARDS. YORK

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